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TREATMENT OF HEART FAILURE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to a Final Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 20060919. Please amend the above-captioned application prior to consideration of the application on the merits. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: